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Dear Republican Leader:

As we speed toward the August 27 runoff in the Republican gubernatorial primary, we, as current and former RNC members, wanted to remind you of a little Mississippi history.

You might remember the 2015 race when Tate Reeves faced Tim "Elvis" Johnson in the General election. Tim had been a Republican elected official for years, before switching to the Democrat Party.

What would cause someone who had pursued multiple offices as a Republican to switch parties? One issue drove him to cross party lines and challenge Tate for Lt. Governor: Obamacare's Medicaid expansion. In his own words, "The Republican Party leaders' actions against supporting Medicaid expansion (under Obamacare) and threatening our local hospitals was the final, deciding factor for me."

Tate has done the math. He knows that **expanding Medicaid (Obamacare) will cost Mississippi taxpayers over \$200 million**. He knows that since the Democrat Governor of Louisiana expanded Medicaid, Louisiana has seen 3,000 people, per month, be removed from private insurance and put on government coverage (at the expense of taxpayers.) Tate did not support the expansion of Medicaid in 2015, and he does not support it now. Tate stood his ground against Democrat Tim Johnson on this issue and easily won.

Ironically, Tate is still fighting the same fight in his 2019 campaign, but this time, he is fighting it against a Republican. **Bill Waller has made his support of Medicaid expansion the thrust of his campaign.**

This key difference between the two Republican candidates for governor matters. Tate is a true conservative who knows that taxing and spending aren't the answers. Bill Waller is carrying the water for the Democrats. He wants to add 300,000 Mississippians to the state's welfare rolls.

We support Tate's conservative approach. Like you, we worked hard to build Mississippi's Republican majority – and we did it by standing for less government. We hope you will **join us in supporting Tate in the runoff on August 27**. It's time to call a Democrat a Democrat. And Bill Waller's support of Medicaid (Obamacare) expansion, just isn't consistent with our conservative values.

Sincerely,

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*P.S. We think it's also worth noting that Bill Waller has voted in the Democrat Primary the last three election cycles!*

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